OPINION 1406
PHALAENA STAGNATA DONOVAN, 1806 DESIGNATED AS TYPE SPECIES OF *NYMPHULA* SCHRANK, 1802 (INSECTA, LEPIDOPTERA)

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers all type designations for the nominal genus *Nymphula* are set aside and *Phalaena stagnata* Donovan, 1806 is designated as type species.

(2) The name *Nymphula* Schrank, 1802 (gender: feminine), type species by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above *Phalaena stagnata* Donovan, 1806, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *stagnata* Donovan, 1806, as published in the binomen *Phalaena stagnata* (specific name of the type species of *Nymphula* Schrank, 1802) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2384

An application to designate *Phalaena stagnata* Donovan, 1806 as type species of *Nymphula* Schrank, 1802 was first received from Dr D. S. Fletcher and Dr I. W. B. Nye (*Department of Entomology, British Museum (Natural History), London*) on 22 June 1981 and published in *Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 39, pp. 208–211 (September 1982). Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to nine general and nine specialist serials. A comment was received from Dr W. Speidel (*Karlsruhe, BRD*) and published in *Bull. zoo. Nom.*, vol. 42, pp. 7–8. Following correspondence between Dr Speidel, Dr Nye and the Secretariat it was agreed that Dr Speidel should submit a separate case on the *nitidula*/*stagnata* synonymy problem. The Commission was therefore asked to vote on the original proposals alone.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 17 April 1986 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 39, pp. 210–211. At the close of the voting period on 17 July 1986 the state of the voting was:

Affirmative Votes—nineteen (19) received in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Savage, Cocks, Kabata, Willink, Mroczkowski, Corliss, Starobogatov, Schuster, Halvorsen, Hahn, Uéno, Thompson, Alvarado, Ride, Bayer, Kraus, Cogger

Negative Votes—none (0).

No votes were returned by Bernardi, Dupuis, Heppell, Lehtinen and Trjapitzin. Gruchy was on leave of absence.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:
Nymphula Schrank, 1802, *Fauna Boica*, vol. 2(2), p. 162
stagnata, Phalaena, Donovan, 1806, *Nat. Hist. Br. Insects*, vol. 11, p. 10.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (1986) 20 were cast as set out above, that the proposals contained in that voting paper have been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1406.

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London
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